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Title: A LOCKING DEVICE OF AN ) Conf. No. 3253  
AIR-OPERATED NORMALLY-CLOSED )  
VALVE FOR A GAS CYLINDER )  
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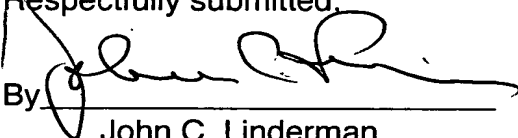
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